intra-Asian dialogue initiated at the Round Table in New Delhi in January, 2005, confirmed Japanese participation at the forthcoming conference and said that he would positively examine the possibility of making it at Ministerial-level.

10. The Indian Minister conveyed his deep gratitude to his Japanese counterpart for the courtsey and hospitality extended to him and his delegation during his short visit to Tokyo. The Japanese Minister invited the Indian Minister to make a longer visit to Japan after the November Round Table in New Delhi so that various aspects of bilateral cooperation in the hydrocarbons and related sectors could be examined in greater detail. The Indian Minister accepted this gracious invitation. It was noted that the dates of the visit would be finalized through diplomatic channels.

Tokyo
29 September, 2005

Sd/-	Sd/-
(Mani Shankar Aiyar)	(Shoichi Nakagawa)
Minister of Petroleum and Natural gas, India	Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

Discount on ATF price

2226. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the import parity price of ATF at present (Rs./KL);

(b) the amount of ATF sold during the last three years to domestic airlines and foreign airlines;

(c) whether any discount is being offered to foreign airlines at present, if so, the average discount in Rs./KL offered to the foreign airlines; and

(d) the total under recoveries of Oil Marketing Companies during last three years, year-wise and in the current year on account of discounts offered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The import parity price of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) for domestic and international airlines effective 1.12.2005 at four metros viz., Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai & Chennai are as under:

(Rs./KL)

Name of the Metro	Domestic Airlines (including Excise Duty and sales tax)	International Airlines (excluding excise duty and sales tax)
Delhi	31,750.56	24,274.65
Kolkata	35,978.32	25,405.18
Mumbai	32,564.27	23,880.00
Chennai	34,664.10	23,626.12

(b) The amount of ATF sold by the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) during the last three years is as under:

(Figures in KL)

Period	Quantity
2002-03	29,25,163
2003-04	32,01,133
2004-05	36,52,379

(c) Yes Sir, the average rate of discount offered by IOC, BPC & HPC during 2004-05 was Rs. 242/KL, Rs. 1085/KL and Rs. 775/KL respectively.

(d) Commercial discounts are offered on the basis of market considerations and do not contribute to under-recoveries.

Supply of underweight cylinders

2227. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of supply of underweight cylinders by Government owned oil companies have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for supplying underweight cylinders; and